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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS -- EUROPEAN TRIP

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1. IN VIEW SECY'S POSSIBLE ARRIVAL LATE ON 7TH, RECOMMEND NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT. SIMILARLY, IF ARRIVAL EARLY ON 8TH, ANY STATEMENT WOULD BE ECLIPSED BY SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES DURING THAT DAY. WHATEVER HIS ARRIVAL TIME, HOWEVER, EXPECT THERE WOULD BE PHOTO AND TV COVERAGE, BUT WE WILL DISCOURAGE ANY COVERAGE BY MEDIA REPORTERS.

2. CAN ASSUME NOT ONLY PHOTO COVERAGE BUT ALSO PRESS AND TV REPORTERS WILL BE ON HAND WHEN SECY ARRIVES FOR HEALY-CALLAGHAN TALKS AT FOREIGN OFFICE, ALSO ON DEPARTURE FOR LUNCHEON WITH CALLAGHAN. PRESUMABLY, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS WILL BE ON HAND WHEN SECY VISITS AND DEPARTS 10 DOWNING STREET FOR TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER.

3. RECOMMEND DEPARTURE STATEMENT BE GIVEN AT EMBASSY AUDITORIUM, WHICH MOST CONVENIENT FOR ALL CONCERNED, BOTH FOR TV CAMERA SET-UPS AND FOR REPORTERS TO ATTEND.
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SECY CAN THEN DEPART FOR AIRPORT WITH MINIMUM DELAY AND

CAN BOARD AIRCRAFT WITHOUT DETOURS FOR STATEMENT AT
AIRPORT PRESS ROOM.

4. VARIOUS REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS. MOST
IMPORTANT WOULD BE JOINT 15-20 MINUTE BBC-TV AND THAMES
TV SHOW WITH THEIR TOP-RANKING PERSONALITIES, PROBABLY
MICHAEL CHARLTON FOR BBC AND ALISTAIR BURNETT OR ROBERT
KEE FOR THAMES. THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE BROADCAST AT
PRIME TIME MONDAY EVENING, WITH BBC PORTION EITHER ON
PANORAMA OR 9 O'CLOCK NEWS AND THAMES ON ITN'S NEWS AT
TEN. FOR RADIO, BBC WORLD SERVICE'S FORUM PROGRAM WOULD
LIKE HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW BY GEOFFREY STERN, NOW PROFESSOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND
FORMER KISSINGER COLLEAGUE.

5. SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ASKED FOR SECRETARY'S
APPEARANCE AT FUNCTION TO BE ARRANGED AT HIS CONVENIENCE.
BECAUSE OF SHORTNESS OF TIME THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE TEA
OR DRINKS PARTIES. FOREMOST IS FOREIGN AFFAIRS CLUB AT
WHICH FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME
WOULD BE CHAIRMAN AND AT WHICH SECRETARY WOULD BE
EXPECTED MAKE BRIEF, OFF-THE-RECORD REMARKS. OTHER
IS FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION FOR DRINKS AT WHICH SOME
KIND OF Q. & A. ENCOUNTER WOULD BE INEVITABLE, EITHER
FROM PLATFORM OR DURING ROUND-THE-FLOOR CIRCULATION.
IF EITHER OF THESE COULD BE FITTED INTO SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULE, WE RECOMMEND FORMER.

6. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR STOPOVER, AS OUTLINED IN
129999, WILL BE SAME AS THOSE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED HERE,
WITH PRESS ROOM AT CLARIDGE'S AND COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES THROUGH CORRESPONDENTS LONDON BUREAUS. RCA
SALES REP WILL BE AVAILABLE AT PRESS ROOM TO HANDLE
WIRE COPY AS NEEDED.

7. IN VIEW WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN MRS. KISSINGER,
ESPECIALLY AMONG POPULAR PRESS, WOULD APPRECIATE
INFORMATION SOONEST ON WHETHER SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING
SECRETARY AND GUIDANCE AS TO HER INTERESTS AND WISHES
ON MEDIA EXPOSURE.
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